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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Washington, June 21.—For Lower Michigan: Fair; warmer; winds shifting to south.

STANFORD'S SCHEME.

Senator Stanford pays high tribute to the virtues of his deceased colleague. While Stanford was unquestionably a broad-gauged man in regard to public business, his 2 per cent loan scheme narrowed his views of the practical operation of fixed governmental policies.

The business of government—or perhaps better the science of political economy—is based on precisely the same fundamental principles that the business of an individual is. In the case of municipalities, states and nations, the business is many times magnified; but in all respects it is essentially a struggle for existence, measured indeed by capacities and opportunities.

So when Senator Stanford proposed that he introduce his 2 per cent government loan scheme by giving it a personal trial, Senator Stanford saw at once that he had dwarfed the results of his plan into a germ of broad philanthropy, and naturally replied: "Well, we look at these things differently."

Our government by virtue of its character can never assume the role of paternalism. We cannot loan to ourselves and pay interest and principal to ourselves except to bridge actual necessity. Senator Stanford's scheme was calculated to relieve the poor landowner. It made the landowner both lender and borrower and was therefore impracticable.

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Just a few weeks ago a man named Page of New York won a libel suit which he brought against the publishers of this paper. The libel consisted of rather a broad intimation that he had swindled an old man named Robinson who resides at Lowell.

On the trial of the case Page was proved to be the proud possessor of an unenviable reputation at Ludington, and that his transaction at Lowell lacked many of the essential elements so necessary to legitimate transactions. The jury took an erratic view of the evidence and although the majority was for no cause of action, an obdurate minority compelled a compromise. Subsequent developments point strongly to the conclusion that Page might have swindled the jury on his libel case.

If he is the rogue he is believed to be it was not difficult for him to blind the eyes of an average jury that he might have swindled his individual victims. In yesterday's Chicago Tribune is this brief dispatch:

A man giving the name of Page from New York was arrested at Waterloo, Iowa, yesterday, charged with swindling a farmer out of \$1,200 on a patent-right scheme.

The name and residence of the man, the character of the swindle and the occupation of the victim are strikingly like the same set of people the Herald dug up at Lowell. Possibly this is not our Page. He may be from another book. But our Page's swindles at Ludington, Alpena and Au Sable are presumptive proofs that this Iowa Page is none other than our Page.

The jury that taxed the Herald \$300 for warning the public against this malicious swindler must begin to believe that they were cruelly taken in by his specious pretensions and unflinching innocent countenance. The more the case is investigated the more apparent it is that our Page is a double-faced rascal, who should be in a much stronger residence than an Iowa jail.

PAUSE LEFT.

Page has having previously declared that the attendance of Catholic children upon parochial schools shall be controlled by the decree of the third plenary council of Baltimore, and that it is to be left to the judgment and conscience of the ordinary to decide according to the circumstances when it is law and when unlawful to attend the public schools, the oft repeated complaint that there is no ex cathedra utterance on the subject will fall into disrepute.

To the ungrateful layman this papal pronouncement is of very little import. To those who entertain hostile feelings toward the Roman church, there is in it a basis of danger to our public school system. To the many, who are conscientious in their antipathy to papal aggression, the pope's letter is the introduction to a crusade against our liberties and institutions.

As a matter of fact the document simply reaffirms the decisions of the plenary council of Baltimore and dispels any doubts as to the pope's attitude on the parochial school question. We are neither more enlightened nor less ignorant by reason of the publication of this encyclical. The Roman church continues to hold the same relation to the parochial

schools as the protestant churches held to them. The Roman church believes that religious and secular education are inseparably necessary to the development of the child—indeed, always believed it and always will. No new danger threatens us because the Pope has re-stated this anticipated dogma.

Monks' grudge against the world for themselves the worst possibilities when sudden or accidental death overtakes them. These environments make him more prominent than his fellows. The sudden death of John Mear, who died at his home yesterday morning from an overdose of chloral hydrate to allay excruciating pain, is a sad blow to his wife and relatives, but manifested of their grief and as it is to their weight of sorrow, religious ones have heartily declared that the evidence was taken from design to accomplish fatal results. There are no grounds whatever for such a conclusion.

PRESIDENT HENDERSON is having a hard time to get a preacher to preach on the world's fair grounds on Sunday. The place is so beautiful, the moral and educational lessons so inspiring that almost any preacher might despair of doing good where so much good abounds. Christ came into the world to call "sinners" not the righteous to repentance. Preachers follow his example. Where there are no sinners there is no work for the preachers, hence their unwillingness to preach on the world's fair grounds.

ONLY 13,719 Chinese have complied with the Census law and registered. There are 100,000 natives of the Celestial Kingdom now living in America. Therefore 86,281 of them are liable to deportation. At the lowest estimate it costs \$500 to send a Chinese back to his native land. In other words it will cost the United States government \$43,200,500 to enforce the law. With a depleted treasury, it is evident that John Chinaman has your Uncle Samuel squarely on the hip.

INVENTIVE genius will never be satisfied until it can produce a set of false teeth that may be used as a xylophone. The latest thing in the way of invention is in the shape of a music box attached to a seat of a chair which will play when a person sits in the chair. The music it produces is much more elegant, if not quite so classic, as that which follows the sitting down upon a tack.

ANOTHER hatchet murder is reported. This time it is in a suburb of Indianapolis. A man went home with his monthly pay in his pocket. He went to bed to take a nap. He was found dead with a bloody hatchet by his side on the floor. If some of these hatchet murderers would emulate the example of the immortal George, there would be a chance for the hangman.

VERY many cities and towns of the country will celebrate the Fourth of July this year in the good old-fashioned way. Chief among the number is Chicago, in which city a thundering time is anticipated. All this is significant of the fact that the spirit of '76 is not and will not be permitted to languish and die.

FOR years the legend, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so," has decorated the first page of the New York Sun. The Louisville Courier-Journal has celebrated an improvement equally as unique and far more truthful: "If you see it in the Courier-Journal you can bet there is good reason for its being there."

IS the self-conscious owners of boisterously beautiful summer trousers would preserve their pride, and credit, too, they will take a hint from the preliminary meeting of the Trouser-Makers' Protective league and liquidate within sixty days from date.

GOVERNOR McKINLEY's Chesterfieldian politeness is proverbial; yet he was compelled to "shake" the enormous crowd at the dedication of the Ohio building yesterday, without shaking the thousands of hands that itched to feel his generous grip.

IT is reported that Stephens will win the cowboy race. It's a fake. He could be a bonafide cowboy race he won by a man named Stephens, when "Battlesnake Pete" and other dime novel heroes are riding?

COWBOY track is acknowledged by horsemen to be one of the safest and fastest in the country. A fine string of speedy animals is rendezvoned there now awaiting the August meeting.

EVERY Michigan man and woman that visits the world's fair is delighted to find its superior comforts and conveniences provided for the people of this state in the Michigan building.

IF Congressman Holman would stumble on a gopher mound and fall into his mouth the administration would be obliged to fit out an expedition to send to his relief.

MRS. PRATT will accompany her husband on his Arctic expedition in spite of protest, which goes to show that when a woman wants to go anywhere she'll go.

GOVERNOR FLOWER has declined to send troops to quell the strike disturbances at Tonawanda, N. Y. Flower is evidently in with the "rats."

FERRIS wheel is an ugly, unprepossessing affair, but it carries some persons nearer heaven than they will ever get by any other route.

TODAY the old soldiers will renew their youth at the lake, and the youths of the high school will take upon themselves new responsibilities.

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